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A bomb uncovered in the fens and a row over flood protection

MIKE PETTY AND JAMES MILNER LOOK THROUGH THE CAMBRIDGE NEWS ARCHIVES AT SOME OF THE STORIES FROM THIS DAY IN THE PAST

The CND mock funeral procession through Cambridge in 1962

500lb bomb found in fenland safely defused – 1965

A 500LB practice bomb capable of destruction of radius of 1,000 yards was safely defused by an RAF bomb disposal team.

The bomb was pulled out of the Old West River near Aldreth by a dredger. It was left in the middle of swampy fenland three miles from the village

After it had been inspected by a team of army bomb disposal men, the RAF were called in.

With the aid of torches, the experts picked their way among the marshes to examine the giant bomb.

They returned next morning and made it safe.It will now be taken to the RAF range in Yorkshire where it will be exploded.

Kenneth Day of Flat Bridge Farm – the building nearest to where the bomb was found – claimed it was one of half-a-dozen jettisoned by a bomber returning to Waterbeach.

Mock funeral march for nuclear disarmament – 1962

THE Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament's (CND) mock funeral march through the centre of Cambridge caused traffic congestion, provoked an anti-CND march and met with a noisy reception from undergraduates in the Market Square.

The 'funeral cortege' stretched for 300 yards behind a child's coffin, carried by two pall bearers.

Altogether, 400 'mourners' took part in the march, including Mr Gabor Cossa, the antique dealer.

A committee of 100 contingent joined in a demonstration at the government buildings in Brooklands Avenue.

First shop opens at Bradwell's Court – 1959

THE new Bradwell's Court shopping centre is beginning to take shape with the opening of the first shop.

Reeds Ladieswear brings a very individual and distinctive approach to fashion selling with clothes obtained direct from the makers.

Their slacks range covers all possible choices – gay, sombre, striped-tartans – the lot.

Knitwear is a speciality ranging from Italian cottons to beautiful Orlon jumpers and cardigans, twin sets, overalls, smocks and pinarettes.

RAF bomb disposal experts defuse the situation at Aldreth

Construction of Bradwell's Court

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